

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for water pollution control discharge permit No. NEV2003305 from the following applicant:

Elko County Public Works
155 South 9th Street, Suite 106
Elko, Nevada 89801

The applicant operates the Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant which is being upgraded to meet State and Federal requirements for protection against *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* in the public water supply. The permit is for the discharge of filter backwash water from the new filtration plant to groundwater via an infiltration trench. The plant is located on Bear Street in Jarbidge, Elko County, Nevada. Latitude: 41°52'30"N.; Longitude: 115°26'10"W. in Section 17, T.46N, R.58E. MDB&M The proposed permit is for a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within ten (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, by November 17, 2003 either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyl Mulligan, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9432, or by FAX at 775.687.4684. Copies of the Fact Sheet and Public Notice may be viewed or printed from the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.